

Ordinance No. 3.

An ordinance regulating the number and conduct of saloons in the City of Lodi.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi do ordain as follows:

Section 1.- The number of saloons in the City of Lodi is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

There shall be four saloons for the first 2500 inhabitants or under, and one additional saloon for every 500 inhabitants over 2500. Provided, that nothing herein shall preclude the Board of Trustees from issuing if in their judgment the interests of the City would be served an additional license to any person or persons, firm or corporation who in good faith shall erect and maintain a hotel building in the City of Lodi.

Section 2.- When any person desires to open, keep or conduct any saloon in the City of Lodi such person shall petition the Board of Trustees to order a license to be issued therefor, and shall present with such petition a certificate signed by five respectable citizens of said city, residing or doing business in the immediate vicinity of such proposed place and giving their residences and place of businesses and occupations, setting forth that the applicant is a person of good moral character and sober and a suitable person to keep and conduct such place.

Section 3.- Upon receiving such a petition and certificate the Board of Trustees may refer the matter to the President of the Board of Trustees and the Marshal for investigation as to the moral character of the applicant and whether such applicant is a sober and suitable person to keep and conduct such a place, and they shall report to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. If the Board finds such person to be a good moral character, and a sober and suitable person to conduct such place, and that such place is a suitable reasonable and proper locality for conducting such business, agreeable to social order and to police regulation of the city they shall order the Clerk to issue the license. If the Board shall find that the applicant is not a sober and suitable person to keep and conduct

such a place, or that such place is an improper place or locality, considering the police regulation of the city and the social order thereof they shall deny the petition. If the petition be denied, no license shall be issued. Should the Board of Trustees at any time determine that any person keeping or conducting such a place is not a person of good moral character or is not a sober or a suitable person to keep and conduct such place or that such place is not conducted in a lawful and orderly manner, or if immoral conduct is permitted, or if such person permits any women or any boy under the age of 18 years to frequent the place, or who sells any liquor to any person who is a reputed drunkard, or who sells ~~xx~~ liquor to any person visibly under the influence thereof, or to any person or persons contrary to the written instructions of the Marshal delivered to him, or permits any plays, any music to attract a crowd, or any conduct of a character contrary to proper police regulations or injurious to social order of the municipality or the public, is permitted or not prevented therein, they may revoke such order or license and thereupon no further license shall be issued. In such cases the Board of Trustees shall be the judges of what conduct, and whether such conduct as aforesaid, is detrimental to morality and to the interests, social and police, of the city, and their findings and decision thereon shall be entered at large on the minutes of the Board, and such place so decided against is hereby declared to be and shall be treated as a nuisance.

Section 4.- The word saloon as used herein is hereby defined, to be a place where spirituous, malt or fermented liquors or any alcoholic drink is sold or given away in quantities less than one quart to be drunk on the premises.

Section 6.- This ordinance shall be published <sup>by printing & by</sup> posting the same in three public places in the City of Lodi.

Section 6.- This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication.

Section 7.- ~~That~~ All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed at an adjourned regular session of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi, *March 25th, 1907,* by the following vote:

Ayes: *J. V. Hale, J. M. Blodgett, L. Kilhager, C. M. Rich.*

Noes: *None*

Approved this *25th. day of March, 1907.*



Attest:

*G. E. Lawrence*  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Lodi.

*J. W. McMahon*  
City Clerk.